

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1216

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Boyd Cloud upon his induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Boyd Cloud, who was recently inducted into the Rockwood Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Hall of Fame exists to recognize, celebrate, and honor those who have distinguished themselves through their success in public service, honorable military service, professional accomplishments, contributions to the community, and personal achievements, and Mr. Cloud's lifetime of excellence in all his endeavors is surely deserving of such recognition; and

WHEREAS, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedoms, Boyd Cloud bravely answered the patriotic call to duty by serving in the United States Navy during World War II, where he was a head gunner on a landing ship tank that loaded and unloaded troops and tanks at Iwo Jima and other Pacific battles; and

WHEREAS, after returning from the war, Mr. Cloud decided to further his education and attended the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, possessed with an entrepreneurial spirit, Boyd Cloud owned and operated several businesses in the East Tennessee area, including Cloud Oil Company, Cloud Truck Stop, Cloud Towel Town, and a Rexall Drug Dealership, in addition to working for the employee security office; his business acumen and alacrity in the oil industry was recognized with his receipt of numerous awards from the Exxon Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart public servant dedicated to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens, Mr. Cloud has dedicated his time and many talents to public service and political causes, including volunteering with Governor McWherter and rendering astute service as the Knox County Democratic Chairman, a member of the Blanton Advisory Committee, and as a Tennessee Colonel under Governor Blanton; he also proved instrumental in bringing southern gospel music to East Tennessee by being a major sponsor of the Mull's Singing Convention; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian of steadfast conviction and unwavering beliefs, Mr. Cloud volunteered as a Sunday school teacher for over forty years and helped build Bethel Methodist Church; he has served on the Pastor Parish Committee and has attended the Methodist conference each year; and

WHEREAS, a benevolent person who is always eager and willing to lend a helping hand to those who need it, Boyd Cloud has driven a church bus in Kentucky, sponsored the Second Harvest Food Bank, and helped with clothing drives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cloud epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Cloud epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor in Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Boyd Cloud for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Boyd Cloud upon his induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame, honor and commend him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.